

# Human Services & Long-Term Recovery





#### **Overview**

- **Human Services**
- Individual Assistance Programs
- Individuals and Households Program (IHP)
- **Unmet Needs**
- Long-Term Recovery



#### Human Services

Mission

Provide TIMELY and compassionate assistance to meet the disaster related needs of the people of Washington State





## Individual Assistance Programs

- Emergency assistance (VOLAG's)
- Crisis Counseling (State)
- Disaster Unemployment Assistance (State)
- Disaster Loans (SBA)



- Individuals & Households Program
  - Housing Assistance (FEMA)
  - Other Needs Assistance (State)
- Disaster Legal Services
- Cora Brown
- Other Federal Agency Programs (IRS, SSA, VA, etc.)



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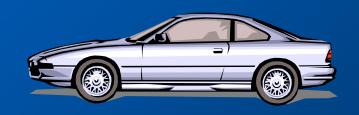


#### IHP Intent



To meet individual or household disaster-related necessary expenses or serious needs

To <u>assist</u> victims in the recovery process







#### IHP Intent

#### A "serious need" is...

an item or service essential to prevent, mitigate, or overcome a disaster-related hardship, injury, or adverse condition.





#### IHP Timelines



- Registration 60 days
- Appeals 60 days
- Period of Assistance 18 Months



### Types of IHP Assistance





100% fed. Funds/ FEMA administered

#### Other Needs Assistance (ONA)



- **75% fed. & 25% state funds**
- State administered









Single Maximum for HA & ONA

\$25,000 (CPI Adjusted)

- General criteria for eligibility
  - Necessary Expense and Serious Need
  - Uninsured or Underinsured
  - Disaster Related



#### Individual Assistance Programs Sequence of Delivery - 44 CFR 206.191

**Emergency Assistance (Voluntary Agencies)** 

Additional Assistance (Voluntary & Other Agencies)

Insurance

Other Needs Assistance (ONA)

**Housing Assistance** 

Disaster Loans (SBA)



## Types of Housing Assistance

- Temporary Housing (TH)
- Repairs
- Replacement
- Permanent Housing Construction





- Housing Assistance may be provided by either:
  - Financial assistance (a cash award); or,
  - Direct assistance such as a mobile home or travel trailer provided directly to the applicant.

Not income dependent





### Financial TH Assistance

Rental Assistance



Must indicate a willingness to relocate

Limited to 18 months or \$25,000 whichever comes first



#### Lodging Expenses Reimbursement

- Short-term lodging expenses
- Immediately following disaster
- Mandatory evacuation, and
  - Return access restricted, or
  - Damages occurred



#### Direct TH Assistance

- Temporary Housing Units
  - Mobile homes
  - Travel trailers
- Provided directly to Individuals and Households
- Authority to charge rent
- Sale to public



- Financial assistance
- Owner-occupied
- Safe, sanitary, and functional
- Up to \$5,000 award (CPI adjusted)
- Funds move applicant towards safe and sanitary living and functioning condition



### Replacement Assistance

\$10,200 statutory limit (CPI adj.)

- The home must be replaced for \$10,000 or less
- For home damages \$10k or greater, award may be applied to the cost of acquiring a new permanent residence
- Regional Director approval



#### Permanent Housing Construction

- No alternative housing resource available
- Other type of financial or direct TH unavailable, infeasible, or not costeffective
- Insular or remote areas
- May be financial or direct assistance



## Multiple Types of Assistance

An applicant can receive more than one type of Housing Assistance





# Broad Use of Funds For example:

- An applicant that has received both rental assistance and home repair may choose to spend the money on the purchase of a travel trailer.
- An applicant that has received a home repair award may decide to use the money as a down payment on a condo.





## STOP!

# Do Not Pass! Go Directly To The SBA.





- PRIMARY source of \$\$ for long-term recovery.
- May fund repairs to private property not fully covered by insurance or other programs.
  - \$200,000 real property
  - \$40,000 personal property
- Those declined/ineligible for loans go to ONA



## Sequence of Delivery

**Emergency Assistance** 

Insurance

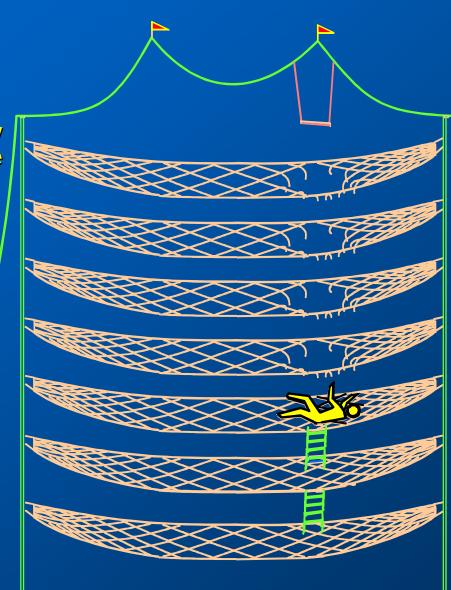
**IHP Housing** 

**SBA Loans** 

**IHP Other Needs** 

Additional Assistance

Cora Brown Fund





### Types of Other Needs Assistance (ONA)

- Non- SBA
  Dependent
  - Medical
  - **Dental**
  - Funeral
  - Other -Miscellaneous



- Personal Property
- Transportation
- Essential Tools
- Other (moving & storage, group flood insurance policy, etc.)





- Maximum award \$25,000 (includes HA)
- No RP
- Includes group flood insurance
- PP prices determined by Marshall and Swift
- Some categories have lump sum

















- If IHP assistance is SBA dependent then applicant must:
  - Fail the income test, or
  - Formerly apply to SBA and be denied



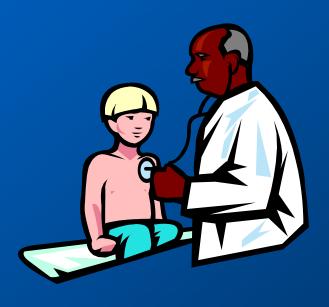
- Conditions that must be met:
  - Not covered by another program
  - **Insurance settlements**
  - SBA loan denied/ineligible/not applicable
  - Legally in U.S.A.





### Medical and Dental

- Not SBA dependent
- Includes medical PP







## Eligible Medical Expenses

- Medication necessary as a result of the disaster or loss
- Long-term, disaster-related treatment



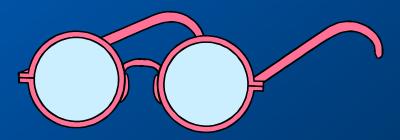
Other treatment <u>not</u> <u>covered by insurance</u>



# Eligible Medical Expenses (Continued)

#### Durable medical equipment

- Wheelchair
- Hearing aids
- Eye glasses







## Eligible Dental Expenses

- Treatment of disaster-related injury or condition
- Medicine needed due to disaster-related injury
- Dentures or repair





#### Funeral

- Not SBA dependent
- "Special handling
- Must verify that death was caused by the disaster
- Administrative limit set by state
  - \$1,000 lump sum + up to ½ max w/receipts



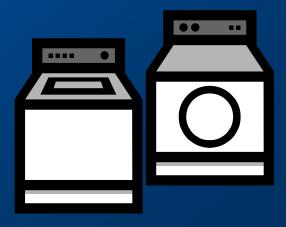
## Personal Property

- SBA dependent
- Flood insurance requirement

(if living in flood zone and cause of damage was flood)









# Eligible Personal Property Expenses

- Appliances/Mechanical devices
   Range Refrigerator Washer Dryer
- Clothing

**Enough to cover at least 7 days** 

Rooms

Bedrooms, kitchen, living room, bathroom

Essential tools





## Essential Tools Expenses

- Tools, specialized or protective clothing or equipment required as a condition of employment (not self-employed)
- School books/uniforms, computers, higher education or mandatory supplies, to include home schooling







## Transportation



- SBA dependent
- Funds to repair or replace damaged vehicle
- WA State requires:
  - Current registration
  - Liability insurance



### FEMA inspection

- "repairable"
  - \$500 provided to cover towing, service, and minimal repair, OR
  - Final award based on actual cost not to exceed replacement lump sum
- "destroyed"

State determined lump sum awarded (\$6,114)



## Public Transportation

- Not SBA dependent
- No flood insurance requirement
- Need receipts







- Group Flood Insurance Premium
  - SBA Dependent
  - Contingent on ONA eligibility

- Moving and Storage
  - SBA dependent
  - Must sustain damage to the primary residence
  - Need receipts



## Other - Miscellaneous Expenses

- Items to meet special expenses and needs
  - Not SBA dependent
  - Must be addressed in the State **Administrative Plan (SAP)**







## Miscellaneous Expenses (Continued)

- Funds to purchase or rent the following disaster-related costs, priced by Marshall and Swift
  - Air Filter
  - Dehumidifier
  - Chain Saw
  - Cord of Wood
  - > Fuel
    - Wet/Dry Vacuum

- Generator
- Sump Pump
- Plywood
- > Tarp
- Storm Shutters
- Window Covering



Disaster specific items may be added.



### When making eligibility determinations:

- Will insurance cover the loss?
  - Based on FEMA inspection \$\$ value
- Will insurance be paid in a timely way?
- Insurance deductible considered part of insurance settlement (FEMA policy)





- Business losses
- Improvements/additions to RP/PP
- Personal property for recreational use
- Personal labor costs
- Debt incurred before the disaster
- Food
- Landscaping
- Nonessential, luxury, or decorative items



- \$50 threshold
- 44% reduction in room contents
- 28% reduction in personal property
- Tighter funeral guidelines
- Move to limit vehicle repair/replacement
- Insurance deductibles not eligible
- Rental Assistance limited to one month at a time.



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- Qualified Leadership
- Operational Instructions/Directives
- Rapid Needs Assessment
- Money
- Donated Goods and Services
- Unmet Needs Committee (s)
- Qualified/trained/caring case managers
- Timely assistance



- Rent
- **Utilities**
- Building materials
- Food
- Debris removal
- Technical Ass't
- Medical/dental
- **Work**
- Code Compliance

- Repairs
- Deposits
- Mental health
- **Transportation**
- Advocacy
- **Labor**
- Legal Advice
- Housing
- Insurance Asst



- 3-5 years
- Mostly handled by Vol. Ag.
  - Limited resources
  - Limited capability
- Need more state/local gov. participation
- Goal is to establish a multi-discipline long-term recovery committee
- What can your agency due to help?



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